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Application No.	09/544,910
Filing Date	April 7, 2000
Examiner	D.H. Shin
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Title	<i>Methods and compositions for use in the treatment of hyperlipidemia</i>

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2006. The Restriction Requirement set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before April 28, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: claims 1, 4-8, and 11; and reciting "an antisense nucleic acid";
Group II: claims 1, 4-8, and 11; and reciting "a ribozymes"; and
Group III: claims 1, 4-8, and 11; and reciting "an antisense conjugate."

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I ("antisense nucleic acid"), with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

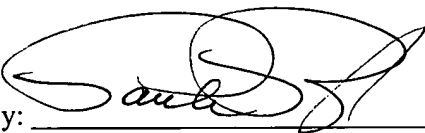
Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

II. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL-121.

Respectfully submitted,
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